

Winter 2010 – Engagement & the Global Economy

Current News:

Education:

- Education Secretary Arne Duncan, OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría, and Ambassador Karen Kornbluh release the OECD education survey results at an event hosted by PBS News Hour, Intel, the Aspen Institute and the Information, Technology and Innovation Foundation at the Newseum. Watch the event, [Education for Innovation: a Digital Town Hall](#). Read *NY Times* story, [Top Test Scores From Shanghai Stun Educators](#); the OECD report on [lessons for the U.S.](#); and the OECD [Executive Summary](#) of the PISA results.
- New! OECD PISA education data now available to parents, educators and other stakeholders on the White House's [Data.gov](#) website.
- Education Secretary Arne Duncan leads the [U.S. delegation](#) to the OECD Education Ministerial. See [Associated Press](#) interview.

Internet Economy & Innovation:

- Administration officials and stakeholders discuss Internet policy at the [Brookings Institution](#). Ambassador Kornbluh [discusses](#) a U.S. proposal for an OECD high-level meeting on the Internet economy.
- A recent AmCham-USOECD [Internet Roundtable](#) features speakers from Google, AT&T, IBM and Alcatel-Lucent.

Growth, Jobs, Competitiveness:

- Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Austan Goolsbee chairs the Economic Policy Committee meeting on economic growth, structural reform and monetary policy challenges.
- The global economy is recovering but youth unemployment is getting worse, according to a new OECD report, [Off to a Good Start: Jobs for Youth](#).
- Commerce Assistant Secretary John Fernandez leads the U.S. delegation to a Territorial Development Policy Committee meeting to present the Administration's [regional innovation strategy](#). The OECD helps member countries track regional development through [OECD Explorer](#).

Gender:

- U.S.-supported OECD MENA program convenes the Women's Business Forum in Beirut. Ambassador Kornbluh co-chairs and discusses increasing women's access to credit. Check out media coverage [here](#).
- The USOECD Gender Action Plan is featured in this [Huffington Post column](#).

International Development:

- Former Agency for International Development Administrator J. Brian Atwood is selected to Chair the OECD [Development Assistance Committee](#), an OECD coordinating forum for international development policy.

About the U.S. Mission to the OECD

The United States is a founding member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international organization composed of 34 countries with market-based economies. Shared goals include achieving sustainable economic growth and employment and a rising standard of living in member countries as well as engaging with non-members to contribute to the development of the world economy. Through its ground-breaking public policy research, 'soft law,' and effective peer reviews, the OECD is a dynamic international incubator for new ideas, providing the United States an unparalleled opportunity for engaging with other countries.